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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Keefe *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/729,581 EXAMINER: Fredman, Jeffrey Norman
FILING DATE: December 3, 2003 ART UNIT: 1637
FOR: METHOD FOR *IN VITRO* SELECTION OF 2'-SUBSTITUTED NUCLEIC ACIDS

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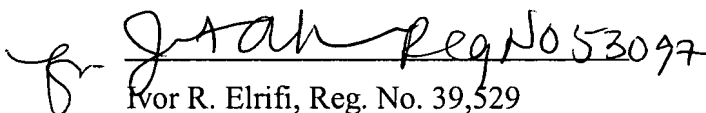
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action mailed December 20, 2006 and in further response to the Notice of Appeal filed June 20, 2007 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before November 20, 2007. A check in the amount of \$1,050.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 23239-544). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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